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**RESPONSE**

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 5, 2004, in which the Examiner requires an election of a single disclosed species for prosecution between Species 1 (FIGS. 1-2), Species 2 (FIG. 3), Species 3 (FIG. 4), and Species 4 (FIG. 5).

The Applicants hereby elect Species 1 (FIGS 1-2) for prosecution on the merits. Claims 1-4, 6-11, 14, 15, 17, and 18 are currently readable on the elected species. Consideration and allowance of all pending claims 1-18 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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